

# SENDIASS NEWS

EPC Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information, Advice and Support Service

September 2017

## SEND Reform Update at EPC's Annual General Meeting

Parents, young people, and partners had the opportunity to listen to the presentation by Janet Leach, OBE on the SEND Reform Implementation in Enfield during Every Parent & Child's AGM on 13th July. Janet talked of the achievements of the local area and how together with different partners, we are addressing the needs of families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). Parents also asked questions and raised some issues faced by families including health and housing. As a result, it has been agreed to hold another event with parents and different services so that issues can be addressed.

EPC also presented certificates to our volunteers to recognise their contribution to EPC's work. The awarding of certificates was done by Enfield Mayor, Christine Hamilton and Jaspal Dhani, EPC's Chief Executive.

Mike and Alain, members of the SENDIASS Young People's steering group talked about their participation in the group and encouraged other young people to become members. They said that the training they have received has increased their confidence and that they can now present in front of a big audience.



## EPC wins contract

EPC has been awarded the contract to continue providing the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) after its successful bid in July 2017.

However, with the reduced funding, we are now implementing a new way of working to meet the demand for the service.

We are focusing in enabling families to deal with issues through training and information sessions. We will be training more volunteers to help us in events and managing the helpline.

We continue to encourage the participation of parents and young people and maintain our parents' and young people's steering groups. We are also recruiting volunteer interpreters to support parents from Enfield's diverse community.

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# Young People's Summerfest 2017



Young people and their parents had an informative and fun time at the Summer Fest on Friday 21st July. They learned about independent living, careers pathways, emotional wellbeing, and physical health from the presentation of partners from the Local Authority, voluntary sector groups, and NHS.

Haringey Shed led interactive activities where young people sang and played games. No participant left empty-handed as everyone won prizes in the raffle draw. All prizes were donations from different local businesses and elsewhere in London. Some donors also provided cakes, sandwiches, and pizzas.

All young people had their souvenir photos taken in a photo booth with a summery background, and had fun playing quizzes and games. Three young people celebrating their birthdays in July and August also had their cakes from Free Cakes for Kids Enfield who have always supported our past events.

The Summer Fest was aimed at giving the young people the opportunity to listen to relevant topics and ask questions. It was also an opportunity for them to meet other young people and establish contacts and possible friendship with each other.

If you have any suggestions for the next event in December, please call us on 020 8373 6273 or email [enquiries@epandc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@epandc.org.uk)



# Young People's Summer Fest

## Thanks to the following:

### Speakers and Services:

- Ashling and Jim from Haringey Shed
- Enfield Carers Centre
- Fazilla from Health Watch Enfield
- Marvella from Careers Service, Enfield Council
- Niel from Integrated Learning Disabilities Service, Enfield Council
- Rebecca and Amanda from Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) in Enfield and Haringey, and Barnet
- Sasha and Sophie from Enfield Young People's Services.

### Donors and supporters:

311 Café, Cake & Bake Show, Dugdale/Millfield Theatre, Edmonton Fusion, Free Cakes for Kids Enfield, Jungle Falls Adventure Golf, Kervan Bistro, Kew Gardens, Lea Valley Odeon, MG Atundu, Mary Mannion, Paradise Park, Pizza Hut, Prezzo, Rowan Leisure, Southbury Fusion, and Team Sport Go Karting

### EPC Team:

Alice, Charu, Cheryl, Jaspal, Lorraine, Mary, Natalia, Prafula, Queen, and Simone.



# Our services

SENDIASS offers impartial and independent information, advice, and support to children and young people from 0 to 25 years old with special educational needs and disabilities and their parents.



We will help you with the following:

- Give you law-based information which you can use to make informed decisions.
- Help you access different services for you and your child.
- Assist you in communicating with education, health and care services so that they can address your issues.
- Assist you and your child with the transfer of the Statement or LDA to an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

# Contact Us

Give us a call for information about our services.

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## We need you!



We support parents and young people from a very diverse Enfield community. Some of them have English as a second language and so we are recruiting volunteers who can translate for them.

If you speak languages including Arabic, Turkish, Somali, Polish, Chinese, Mandarin, etc., please

do get in touch.

We also need more volunteer Independent Parental Supporters (IPS). You will work closely with IASS caseworkers in providing information and advice to families.

An intensive training programme will be available to help you understand the service and prepare you for the roles.

For more information, please get in touch with:

Renata Carlet, Volunteer Coordinator on 020 8373 6246 or email [Renata.Carlet@epandc.org.uk](mailto:Renata.Carlet@epandc.org.uk)

## EHCP Conversion Training Sessions

All statements will need to be converted to an Education, Health and Care Plan by March 2018. The Local Authority in partnership with Our Voice and IASS are holding training sessions to help parents understand about the process.

- Monday, 25th September at 9.45am to 2.30pm - Community House, 311 Fore Street, Enfield, N9 0PZ.
- Monday, 2nd October at 6.30 to 8.30pm - Oaktree School, Chase Side, Southgate N14 4HN.
- Tuesday, 10th October at 9.45am to 12.30pm - Waverly School, 105 The Ride, EN3 3DL.

If you have questions and want to book a place, please email Sarah McLean, SEND Project Manager at [sarah.mclean@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.mclean@enfield.gov.uk)